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Doris Lessing, CH, OBE (born October 22, 1919), is a British writer, born Doris May Taylor in Kermanshah, Persia (Iran).

The great secret that all old people share is that you really haven't changed in seventy or eighty years. Your body changes, but you don't change at all. And that, of course, causes great confusion.

- Lessing, Doris

This world is run by people who know how to do things. They know how things work. They are equipped. Up there, there's a layer of people who run everything. But we --we're just peasants. We don't understand what's going on, and we can't do anything.

- Lessing, Doris

Some people obtain fame, others deserve it.

- Lessing, Doris

Trust no friend without faults, and love a woman, but no angel.

- Lessing, Doris

What is a hero without love for mankind.

- Lessing, Doris

Man who is he? Too bad, to be the work of God: Too good for the work of chance!

- Lessing, Doris

Laughter is by definition healthy.

- Lessing, Doris

That's what learning is. You suddenly understand something you understood all your life, but in a new way.

- Lessing, Doris

Literature is analysis after the event.

- Lessing, Doris

What's terrible is to pretend that the second-rate is first-rate, that you don't need love when you do or that you like your work when you know quite well you're capable of better.

- Lessing, Doris

Political correctness is the natural continuum from the party line. What we are seeing once again is a self-appointed group of vigilantes imposing their views on others. It is a heritage of communism, but they don't seem to see this.

- Lessing, Doris

A simple grateful thought turned heavenwards is the most perfect prayer.

- Lessing, Doris

It is the mark of great people to treat trifles as trifles and important matters as important.

- Lessing, Doris

Space or science fiction has become a dialect for our time.

- Lessing, Doris

It is terrible to destroy a person's picture of himself in the interests of truth or some other abstraction.

- Lessing, Doris

Borrowing is not much better than begging; just as lending with interest is not much better than stealing.

- Lessing, Doris

If a fish is the movement of water embodied, given shape, then cat is a diagram and pattern of subtle air.

- Lessing, Doris

The worst superstition is to consider our own tolerable.

- Lessing, Doris

Pearls mean tears.

- Lessing, Doris

In university they don't tell you that the greater part of the law is learning to tolerate fools.

- Lessing, Doris

Better Counsel comes overnight.

- Lessing, Doris

Er zijn geen wetmatigheden voor de roman. Er zijn er nooit geweest en er zullen er nooit zijn

- Lessing, Doris

Literatuur is de analyse na een gebeurtenis

- Lessing, Doris

Ik weet niet veel over cursussen creatief schrijven. Maar ze vertellen de waarheid niet als er niet geleerd wordt dat schrijven hard werk is en dat je een groot deel van je (persoonlijk) leven moet opgeven om een schrijver te zijn

- Lessing, Doris

Met een bibliotheek ben je vrij en niet beperkt door tijdelijke politieke klimaten. Het is de meest democratische van alle instituten want niemand, absoluut niemand, kan u zeggen wat u moet lezen en wanneer en hoe.

- Lessing, Doris



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